

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Office Action indicates that claims 3-16, 30 and 39-43 contain allowable subject matter.

CLAIMS 1-3

Claim 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 and 103 as stated. Claim 3 is objected to and is stated to be allowable if informalities are cured. However, no informalities were detailed in the Office Action of August 22, 2003. Be that as it may, all the limitations of claims 2 and 3 have been incorporated into claim 1 so that claim 1 should now be fully allowable.

Claims 2 and 3 are in turn canceled.

CLAIMS 4-7

Claims 4-7 stand rejected but have been stated to be allowable if rewritten. Given that claim 1 has now been rewritten to be allowable, claims 4-7 depend from claim 1 and are similarly allowable.

CLAIMS 8-9

Claims 8 and 9 are fully allowed as they depend from allowed claim 39.

CLAIM 10

Claim 10 is objected to but has been deemed to be allowable if rewritten. It now depends from claim 6 which in turn depends from claim 1 which is being amended to avoid the rejection and be allowable. In turn claim 10 is allowable.

CLAIM 11-13

There is some confusion as to claims 11-13. They depend from allowed claim 39 and turn are allowable. Yet it is stated that the claims depend from rejected base claims. They do not. Applicant there for assumes that claims 11-13 are fully allowed.

CLAIMS 14-16

Claims 14-16 have been fully allowed and are fully allowed as they depend from allowed claim 39

CLAIMS 17-29

These claims have been withdrawn or canceled.

CLAIM 30

Claim 30 is allowed

CLAIMS 31-38

Claims 31-38 are withdrawn or canceled.

CLAIMS 39-43

These claims are fully allowed.

CLAIMS 44-45

These claims are withdrawn or canceled.

CLAIM 46

Claim 46 restates claim 1 but without many of the limitations relating to the shape or style of the container. That is, the volume or container could be cylindrical or tubular with a top and bottom. It has sides when folded flat, but in reality has only one continuous side.

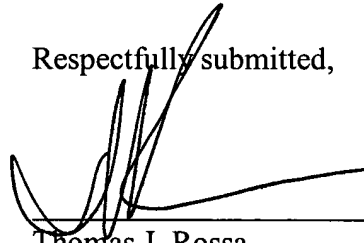
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. All claims should be fully allowable

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

All fees attendant to this Preliminary Amendment may be charged to Deposit Account 08-2665.

Respectfully submitted,

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